

EXHIBIT 12

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ULKU ROWE,

Plaintiff,

Case No.
19 Civ. 08655 (LGS) (GWG)

v.

GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

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DATE: December 2, 2020

TIME: 10:21 a.m.

VIDEOTAPED VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION
OF BENJAMIN WILSON, held via Zoom, pursuant to
Notice, before Hope Menaker, a Shorthand Reporter
and Notary Public of the State of New York.

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2 managers to help inside Cloud Systems. I went and
3 spoke to a few people and it turned out that the
4 answer was yes and so I took a chance there and
5 did some interviews.

6 Q. Did you ever see a job description
7 for the product management role that you
8 interviewed for?

9 A. Yes. Eventually, yes, I did.

10 Q. Okay, and do you recall what title
11 that role had?

12 A. I don't recall off the top of my head
13 what -- what the precise title was.

14 Q. What was your understanding of what
15 the product management role entails?

16 A. Coming up with a vision of where
17 the product is going to go, to find a kind of
18 three-year road map, and then going down to a
19 yearlong road map with quarterly deliverables that
20 drove an outcome that was positive for customers.

21 Q. Did you believe that your skill set
22 was transferable to that product management role?

23 A. Given I had run product management
24 organizations in my prior two companies, yes.

25 Q. Was there any skills that you were

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2 using in the OCTO role or the client technical
3 lead role that were transferable to the PM role?

4 MR. GAGE: Objection.

5 A. Yes, identifying gaps in our -- our
6 product lines and features and functions that were
7 missing.

8 Q. Was there any aspect of the work that
9 you had been doing in OCTO or Mr. Shaukat's
10 organization that involved product management?

11 MR. GAGE: Objection.

12 A. Some. It was more being able to
13 identify gaps in features. We were working with
14 customers who were doing high-performance compute
15 and we had some gaps in features and so we would
16 identify those gaps and help our colleagues, you
17 know, figure out how to solve them.

18 Q. Did the product management role
19 involve collaboration?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Was that also true with respect to
22 the role that you had played up until that point
23 in time?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Was your technology experience up

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2 until that point in time relevant to the product
3 management role that you moved into?

4 MR. GAGE: Objection.

5 A. Yes. Basically we were building what
6 I had built at GE and at P2 and we were building
7 that for Cloud, so there was a direct
8 applicability.

9 Q. Did the product management role
10 require that you identify AI-related design
11 development or deployment friction points from the
12 customer's perspective?

13 MR. GAGE: Objection.

14 A. Which role?

15 Q. The product management role.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did the product management role
18 look to entail rallying teams to work through
19 deployment hurdles, product updates, new product
20 offerings, and solutions?

21 MR. GAGE: Objection.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did the product management role
24 require you or entail working with customers and
25 other partners on joint initiatives?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did the product management role
4 entail corroborating across functional and product
5 area boundaries?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did the product management role
8 require you to work with broader Google
9 engineering PMs and research teams?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did the product management role
12 require you to be able to do deep dives with the
13 internal engineering team?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did the product management role
16 involve working on cross-Google technical working
17 teams?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did the product management role
20 involve getting hands-on with customer projects?

21 A. Generally, no.

22 Q. Did the product management role
23 involve defining and solving AI problems that
24 spanned code, infrastructure, strategy business,
25 and FUD?

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2 A. I --

3 MR. GAGE: Objection.

4 A. I don't know what FUD is.

5 Q. Putting aside FUD then, did the
6 product management role involve defining and
7 solving AI problems across code, infrastructure,
8 strategy and business?

9 A. In --

10 MR. GAGE: Objection.

11 A. In some cases, yes.

12 Q. Did the product management role
13 involve any private whiteboarding sessions?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did the product management role
16 involve any public evangelism?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did the product management role
19 require experience in designing, scoping, and
20 delivering complex applications and services?

21 MR. GAGE: Objection.

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did the product management role
24 require experience with multiple software design
25 methodologies?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did the product management role
4 require an understanding of the challenges modern
5 enterprises faced with respect to scale, speed,
6 and user expectations?

7 MR. GAGE: Objection.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When you moved into the product
10 management role, did your level change?

11 A. No.

12 Q. What is your current level?

13 A. I am still an L 9. My expectation is
14 if I move into the product management role
15 officially, I will be downgraded to an L 8.

16 Q. So at this point in time, are you
17 functioning in a product management position or
18 are you functioning in the technical client lead
19 position?

20 A. Product management.

21 Q. And how long have you been
22 functioning in the product management position?

23 A. Roughly six months.

24 I -- I do need to provide a
25 clarification to that. I started the role in